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FOR TRYPANOSOMIASIS RESEARCH AND CONTROL

1. THE 15TH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL FOR TRYPANOSOMIASIS RESEARCH AND CONTROL MET IN BANJUL, THE GAMBIA DURING THE PERIOD 25-29 APRIL 1977. APPROXIMATELY 100 DELEGATES FROM OAU STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDED THE MEETINGS. SEVENTY-FOUR TECHNICAL PAPERS ON THE HUMAN AND ANIMAL ASPECTS OF TRYPANOSOME PARASITISM WERE PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES.

2. PRESIDENT JAWARA, A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONIAL OPENING MEETING ON APRIL 25. IN AN UNPRECEDENTED GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE, SIR  
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DAWDA ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST WORKING SESSION.

3. COMMENTARY: NOTABLE IN THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS WERE THE FOLLOWING:.

A. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MAZAMBIQUE WAS REQUESTED AS A DELEGATION FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ACHIEVING ITS INDEPENDENCE.

THEIR LAST PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION IN SUCH CONFERENCES WAS IN 1964 AS PART OF THE PARTUGESE CONTINGENT.

B. WHILE TECHNICAL PAPERS PRESENTED WERE OF ACCEPTABLE SCIENTIFIC QUALITY, THEY CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON LABORATORY AND VETERINARY/HUMAN MEDICAL ASPECTS OF TRYPANOSOMIASIS WITH ONLY MINOR ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE PRACTICAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS IN MOUNTING LARGE-SCALE PROGRAM INTERVENTIONS. THIS LACK WAS NOTED BY A NUMBER OF DELEGATES INCLUDING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF USAID FROM REDSO/ABIDJAN.

C. THE MOST SINGULARLY OUTSTANDING SERIES OF PAPERS DELIVERED AT THE CONFERENCE WAS THE COLLECTION GENERATED BY THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGLOW/GOTG JOINT RESEARCH TEAM WORKING. THE PAPERS IN THIS SERIES, UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR I. MCINTYRE FROM GLASGLOW, WERE SUPERIOR IN BOTH SCIENTIFIC CONTENT AND SCOPE OF FIELD WORK. THESE PAPERS WERE THE ONLY ONES PRESENTED WHICH DEALT IN PRACTICAL TERMS WITH THE PROBLEMS OF AND ECONOMIC RETURNS TO THE SUPPRESSION OF TRYPANOSOMIASIS IN CATTLE UNDER TRADITIONAL HERDING AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL. IN THIS REGARD, THE RESULTS OF THESE EXPERIMENTS WILL BE OF PARTICULAR USEFULNESS TO USAID IN THE FORMULATION OF LIVESTOCK PROJECT INTERVENTIONS IN THE GAMBIA. WYGANT

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